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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL INTERVIEW ON US-TURKISH RELATIONS

1. THE JULY 24 MILLIYET CARRIED AN INTERVIEW OF PRIME  
MINISTER DEMIREL BY MANAGING EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI WHICH  
INTER ALIA, TOUCHED UPON US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND THE DELAY IN  
CONGRESSIONAL RATIFICATION OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION  
AGREEMENT (DCA). DEMIREL STATED THAT THE SOONER THE DCA  
IS RATIFIED, THE BETTER BUT CAUTIONED THAT WHILE "SPEEDY  
RATIFICATION IS GOOD,...A SPEEDY REJECTION IS NOT."  
THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT THE PASSAGE OF THE 1976  
AND 1977 SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT WAS AN IMPORTANT  
INTERIM "MANIFESTATION OF GOODWILL." EVEN THOUGH TURKEY  
PROBABLY WOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY OF THE GRANT ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDED FOR IN THAT ACT, DEMIREL SAID, TURKEY COULD  
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DRAW UPON \$250 MILLION IN LOAN FUNDS TO MEET DEFENSE

NEEDS.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER REFUSED TO REPLY DIRECTLY WHEN ASKED WHAT STEPS THE GOT WOULD TAKE IF THE DCA WERE NOT PASSED BY CONGRESS. "WE ARE STANDING AT THE MOST DELICATE POINT IN TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY. WE CENTRAINLY KNOW WHAT WILL BE DONE BUT WE DO NOT SEE ANY POINT IN ANNOUNCING IT.," HE SAID. DEMIREL ALSO STATED THAT TURKEY COULD MAKE NO GESTURES SUCH AS PERMITTING RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES AT THE INSTALLATIONS, UNTIL THE US CONGRESS ACTED.

3. IN POINTING OUT THE VALUE OF THE NEW DCA TO TURKEY, DEMIREL STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE DCA SPECIFIES ONE BILLION BOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY OVER ITS FOUR YEAR DURATION, "ADDITIONS" INFLATE THAT TOTAL TO ONE AND A HALF BILLION.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN THE RECENT ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT OVER TURKEY'S DEFENSE POSTURE AND RELATIONSHIPS, DEMIREL'S RESPONSES TO IPEKCI'S PRODDING QUESTIONS REFLECT CONSIDERABLE TACT AND RESTRAINT.  
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